

a flexible printed circuit disposed inside the stationary drum and having one end electrically connected to rotary transformers respectively mounted to the rotary drum and the stationary drum, for transmitting an information signal read by said magnetic head to a main printed circuit board (PCB) which is located outside the stationary drum; and

b¹ a first connector coupled to an opposite end of said flexible printed circuit for electrically connecting said flexible printed circuit to the main PCB,

wherein said first connector has a first end portion which is electrically connected to the opposite end of the flexible printed circuit and which is inserted into and fittingly coupled to said through-hole so as to extend directly downward via said through-hole, and a second end portion which extends beyond said through-hole and is electrically connected to a second connector mounted to the main PCB.

REMARKS

Claim 1 presently is pending. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has withdrawn the rejection under §102(b) involving Sakai in view of the Amendment filed on March 10, 2000. However, the Examiner continues to reject claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Fukushima et al (Fukushima). For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.